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CIA Statements Support Camp Peary Allegations

WILLIAMSBURG (UPI) — The Virginia Gazette quoted two top officials of the Central Intelligence Agency Thursday as supporting allegations that some of the operatives involved in a "counter terror" program against the Viet Cong were trained at Camp Peary in York County.

The newspaper reported that Victor L. Marchetti, executive assistant to the deputy director of the CIA from 1966 to 1969, said that a number of the agents employed in "Operation Phoenix" in South Vietnam were trained at Camp Peary.

Marchetti described the operation as a "counter-terror program" that accounted for more than 40,000 deaths of Viet Cong during the period 1963-71.

The Gazette said Marchetti's statements were backed up by Patrick J. McGarvey, an intelligence analyst from 1963 to 1966. McGarvey was quoted as saying that "One of

the missions at Camp Peary is to train contract employees who are going out on specific assignment because of their own special skills."

"By 1967, when the Viet Cong infrastructure became one of the principal structures of the policy over there, it was decided just to try to wrap the whole thing up, to eliminate it," the paper quoted McGarvey as saying. "They call it neutralization of the infrastructure."

Asked specifically if Camp Peary trainees had participated in the Phoenix Operation, McGarvey replied "Some of them did. It was reasonable to assume that some career and contract personnel were being trained for these programs."